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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Brieden et al.
Serial No. : TBA/ Divisional Application of Serial No. 09/214,679
Examiner: TBA
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For : METHOD OF PREPARING (S)- OR (R)
-3, 3, 3-TRIFLUORO-2-HYDROXY-2-
METHYLPROPRIONIC ACID

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments into the file history of the above identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-3 and 15-23, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

--24. (New) A process for the preparation of (S) - or (R) -3, 3, 3-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-2-methylpropionic acid of the formula:

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